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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I readily admit that Microsoft could have handled itself better regarding concessions to allow competitive browsers on its Windows OS a lot sooner with a lot less fuss. However, the response by our government to this and other complaints about Microsoft were far too severe, especially when breaking up Microsoft was under serious consideration. Fortunately, the threat of this eventuality has been dissipated by this settlement. I am pleased by your efforts to bring it about, and I would urge you to go further and work with Attorney General Lockyer to have this unpleasant situation in California settled as well, since the settlement remedies the question of bundling Internet Explorer with Windows, as well as addressing many other concerns, such as interoperability.

While this settlement forces Microsoft into certain concessions not envisioned by the original lawsuit, it does have the distinct advantage of ending the suit. This is a welcome end, in that we can all put this behind us and work towards rebuilding our nation's economy through the IT business community itself without fear that this lawsuit could yet to more damage.

I am therefore writing to suggest my support of this settlement, as well as share my hope that this sort of thing will not happen again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hasan Z. Rahim". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hasan" and last name "Rahim" clearly legible, and "Z." as a middle initial.

Hasan Z. Rahim  
President

cc: Representative Zoe Lofgren